

Year-Round Worship Resources

We are called to Creation Care year-round. This section highlights a handful of prayers you can use any time. Consider rotating them into worship services, at camps and retreats, during meetings or in your publications and social media.

Prayers for Creation Care

The Book of Common Prayer offers many prayers for Creation Care. Here are some examples (along with the page numbers):

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (p. 827)

“This is the supreme work of Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to God, one another, and God’s whole Creation. Christian hope is in the renewal and restoration of all things.”

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Amen.* (p. 388)

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (p. 814)

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (p. 824)

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (p. 827)

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (p. 827)

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being. (p. 370)

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight. (p. 370)

Resources for Observing Earth Day:

The prayers in this section are also useful for your observance of Earth Day, typically done on the Sunday closest to April 22nd. Find additional liturgical materials, prayers, and theological reflections for observing Earth Day on the Episcopal Church's website [here](#). A sample guide for worship "Celebrating Creation & Earth Day" from St. Anna's Episcopal Church in New Orleans can be found [here](#).

Prayers in times of disaster

Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

— Isaiah 43:19

For People Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope and peace with whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided. For your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. *Amen.* (Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765)

For Those in the Path of a Storm

On the Sea of Galilee, even when the disciples began to fear, Jesus showed that he was Lord over the waters by rebuking the storms, so that all would know that even the wind and the waves obey him. Creator God, we ask you to calm the wind and the waves of the approaching storm, and spare those in its path from harm. Help those who are in its way to reach safety. Open our hearts in generosity to all who need help in the coming days. In all things and in all times, help us to remember that even when life seems dark and stormy, you are in the boat with us, guiding us to safety. *Amen.*

(America: *The Jesuit Review*)

For First Responders

Almighty God, you lend your strength to all those who are there for us in times of crisis, fear and hurt. You give courage to the first responders who continue to do this important work they are called to do, looking beyond the risk for the sake of those who need your help and protection. We give you thanks for the many ways they give of themselves, their skills, knowledge and help in troubling times. Protect them, o Lord. Extend your shielding hand over them and comfort their hearts when they are tired and heartbroken. God, we also lift up prayers of thanksgiving and comfort for the families of first responders and all who support them. Give them hope and courage. Surround them with your loving presence and give them peace when their loved ones run toward uncertainty. All this we pray in your name. *Amen.*

(Sarah Swindall, Augsburg University)

For Those Working to Rebuild

Compassionate God, source of all comfort, we pray for the people whose lives have been devastated this hurricane season. Bring them comfort, we pray. Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Keep at bay the spread of disease. Have mercy on all those working to rebuild. And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise. We ask this in Jesus's name. *Amen.*

(Adapted from Christian Aid, UK)

Please visit our [website](#) for the Restore & Renew toolkit which includes additional prayers and resources to help address Disaster Response & Relief.

Additional prayers are available on our website at [Season of Creation](#) and [Disasters](#).